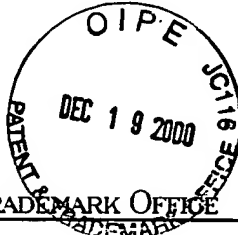




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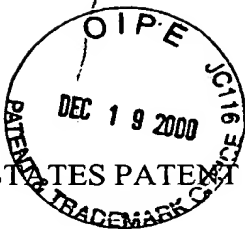
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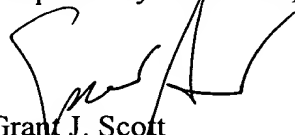
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Sir:

Enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventors. Also enclosed are a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and copies of 20 cited references.

A check in the amount of \$1,320.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee (\$1,255.00) and surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (\$65.00). Any additional fee or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

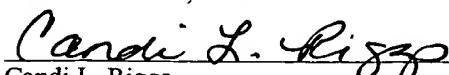


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